lis$_e$ the design of the statue. In September, 1982, the siz$_e$ and design of the statue, to be cast i$_n$ bronze, were finally approved. Contract was Awarded in July, 1984 and the plaster cast was completed and approved in November, 1987. The statue i$_a$ likely to be installed by January, 1989.

Fall in the water level in the Yamuna

1747. SHRI V^{T}SHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wste$_r$ level in the Yamuna has receded during this year;

(b) whether Delhi would be facing severe water shortage in the coming years as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, whafr steps have been taken to meet thi$_s$ shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

i Pond level in the river Yamuna Wazirabad was 670 ft. as against formal level of 672 ft. on 17-2-88.

(b) and (c) There is a likelihood of shortage of wate$_r$ in the city during the coming summe$_r$ months. While, owing to the prevailing drought conditions, it may not be possible to fully overcome the scarcity, government is maintaining a continuous liaison with the State Govts, of U.P. and Haryana with a view to taking such steps as may be necessary for maintaining the supply of water to the city as close to the present level *as* possible.

Guest Houses i$_n$ private bungalows of South Delhi

1748. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the numbe$_r$ of Guest House$_s$ being run i$_n$ private bungalows in Jor Bagh, Golf Link and Defence Colony i$_n$ South Delhi;

(b) how many of them are on the approved list of the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation; $_a$nd

(c) what check is exercised by the Corporation on the amenitie$_s$ provided and tariff charged by such Guest Houses?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHPJIMATT MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Delhi Administration. has not granted any licence to run a Guest House in private bungalows in Jor Bagh, Golf Link and Defence Colony in South Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Delhi Tourism Development Corporation is running a Hotel Reservation Scheme from its tourist information counters. Hotels/Guest Houses are brought unde$_r$ thi$_s$ Scheme after thei$_r$ inspection by the Corporation from the point of view of the amenities provided and the tariff charged by them. To prevent overcharging, th$_e$ tariff is mentioned on the reservation vouche$_r$ which is issued by the Corporation to $_a$ customer at the time of booking.

1749. [Transferred *to the* 22nd *March,* 1988] ^{i}

Clearance to Pepsi Col$_a$ project

1750. SHRI SHARAD YADAV;
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it i$_s$ a fact that Pepsi Cola project i$_n$ collaboration with the Tata held with Voltas and the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation i$_n$ the country has bee$_n$ cleared by the Government;

(b) whether it is als$_0$ a fact that the project is likely to hinder considerably the agricultural research in the country and the tie up would virtually bring the agricultural research unde$_r$ private sector;

(c) if so, what are the considerations which weighed with Government to enter into such collaboration; and

(d) what precautionary measures hav$_e$ been taken by Government against the privatisation of agricultural research in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above, the question doe$_6$ not arise.

Import of white cement by NAFED

1751. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA7 WuT the Minister of AGRICULTURE b$_e$ pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2301 given in the Rajya Sabha o$_n$ the 8th May, "1987 and"~B"tate;

(a) the licence under which the import of white cement by NAFED was made;

(b) whether the Tetter of credit opened By NAFED for import of white cement bore the import licence number which wa$_s$ issued to NAFED as an incentive for exports; and

(o) what provision of import policy was mentioned in the said letter of credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) NAFED was issued a$_n$ additiona licence fo$_r$ import in 1983-84 as in. centive against exports. Accordingly it placed order fo$_r$ import of whit! cement. Subsequently, it wa$_s$ un derstood by NAFED that the inv port of white cement was under OGI for stock and sale and its import die not requir$_e$ additional licence. NAFEE claimed its clearance unde$_r$ OGL unde$_r$ 1984-85 policy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The provision of Import Polic} mentioned in the said letter of credii was:

> OGL Appendix 6, List 8, Part III, Item No. 33 of AM «. 1984-85.

Editing of T.V. News Bulletin

1752. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to stat.e:

(a) whether it is a fact that editing of the News Bulletin for telecast by Doordarshan i$_s$ done at the Minis terial level instead of by the Produ cers and Editor$_s$ of News Bullet' and that, more often than not, minute instructions are issued ^%^ changes in the News Bulletins there by hampering their functioning in a professional manner; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H; <K. L, BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of DCM Mills without payment of wages to workers

1753. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Cloth and cently decided to close down the -3J peq }U9Ui83euBui sntH iBjauaj),